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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

LITTLE PROBLEMS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

When a Couple Become Engaged Should They Tell Each Other Their Past?

Whether to let the dead past bury its dead or to take it up and expose its skeleton to the horrified gaze of the one who loves him is a question many a newly engaged man or woman has pondered. Many a man who has things in his past he doesn't like to think about, and which he has now put far from him, sees little use in bringing them to light. There may be incidents in the past life of the woman which are entirely of the past, but which still bring a blush of shame to her face when she thinks of them, but which seem to her of little use in recounting now. Ought they to tell each other these things? Is there a moral question at issue?

A good deal depends upon the nature of these deeds in themselves. If they are the mere harmless escapades and flirtations of youth, with no injury resulting to anybody from them and only useful experience gained, one can tell them or not. They may be told and forgiven or laughed over. Of if the other party is of a disposition to be severe upon such peccadilloes, to make much of them and perhaps to make life unpleasant for awhile because of them, it is just as wise to say nothing about them.

But when the matters are of a more serious nature, the proposition is very different.

Suppose the man has been a drunkard and reformed; reformed perhaps entirely, but nevertheless once this terrible habit was fastened upon him. Shall he tell of it?

It seems the only honorable thing to do and to let the woman decide whether she will still marry him. A habit like that may mean much to his health; it may mean much to the health of children should they have any. It might in time return. It only seems the square thing to let her know what she is facing and

let the decision be hers as to whether she will accept the responsibility. It seems a mean and an underhand thing to do to take advantage of her ignorance and bring consequences upon her which she at least ought to have the right to say she is willing to bear.

The same is true of many other habits a man may have formed when young, though they now have no dominion over him. If they are the sort that may bring ill health or dishonor upon the wife or family, he should frankly tell the girl and let her say whether she will share these consequences with him. She should at least have the right to decide whether these things shall come into her life.

It may seem a pity when a man has entirely reformed and these acts of his are wholly of the past, that they should be raked up. But evildoing always has its consequences, and a man should at least be man enough to shoulder them and not want to shove part of them upon an innocent woman.

The same rule holds good for the woman. A woman, of course, is not likely to have misdeeds of the character of men's in her life. But she may have something in the nature of a scandal in her past that might possibly cast a shadow over her married life. She ought just as frankly to let the man know and see if he is willing to help her fight it.

These are the sort of things it would seem one ought to reveal. The trifling love affairs, the scrapes at school, and such escapades as figure in one way or another in nearly every one's life one can tell or not, as each deems best. They usually are told for the fun there is in the telling. But it doesn't seem right to permit the person one marries to be ignorant of serious matters that may affect the happiness of the married life.

BARBARA BOYD.

FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

A rascal who made a business of marrying women for their possessions has had the audacity to taunt all womankind because he found it easy to cajole those who suited his purpose. An appalling number of crimes are registered against him, but it is hardly possible that the whole truth has been revealed, because some women are too proud to exhibit shame and humiliation to the world.

Nobody can account for the courage which allows women to take awful chances with the future. The man is justified in his belief that he had but to pick and choose, despite the fact that his selection was made from classes where intelligence had not been brought to a high state of cultivation. A man can flaunt his vices in the face of the world for years and then calmly pick a wife from the best circles of society and the girl's parents will rejoice at her "good fortune." Why should we expect anything better in lower circles?

One of my early newspaper experiences concerned a man who made a business of duping women—with promises when he could, and with the marriage ceremony when promises were not strong enough to draw bank-books and jewels from their hiding places. Many of his victims were glad to sink into obscurity—ones, at least, found refuge in a madhouse—but enough were ready to take vengeance on the man to make his stay in this country impossible. However, there was not money enough among the lot to impose the punishment the man deserved, so his fate remains a mystery to his dupes.

In many cases these women were won by less than three meetings. In every case they willingly passed over to the man whatever valuables they owned. I remember that the police official who acted in the matter made a remark concerning the need of guardianship over women, and I did not even resent it. I heard a great deal that was uncomplimentary to the sex in the few days in which the case occupied the public mind, and one of the men said recently that he had never seen any reason for retracting his statement.

Innumerable acts of folly are committed in the name of romance. Conventions, created for safety, are defied on every hand by women of romantic mind. A chance acquaintance may turn out to be a desirable one, but he has been known to be a mighty troublemaker in scores of cases. There are times when civility to strangers is imperative, but there is never an excuse for familiarity. Civility can never bring more than temporary embarrassment, but there are plenty of men who are prepared to presume on the strength of familiarity, and that without reason, it must be confessed.

BETTY BRADEN.

The Rejuvenation of the Petticoat.

One good way of making the silk petticoat last longer than its ordinary six months' span of usefulness is to make several of the new style adjustable founcies which may be sewed on in a very short space of time. These shirred or pleated founcies are made in both plain and circular shape, finished at the top with a ribbon heading and equipped with draw strings so that they may readily be adjusted to a skirt of any width. The same idea may be followed in the case of lingerie petticoats which become soiled at the bottom long before the tops require laundering. In the case of wash materials, however, there need not be a draw string at the upper edge of the founce as the ribbon-run heading will answer the same purpose.

The Fancy Initial.

An odd, quick method of working the thicker parts of old English letters instead of padding and covering with satin stitch, is a modified buttonholing. One side of the outline is buttonholed at regular spaces, the length of stitch being taken to opposite line. The other side of the letter is then worked, the buttonholing done so the spacing alternates. This row has the stitches but half the length of the first, or to the middle of space to be covered. Use a rather heavy cotton, coarser than for solid embroidery. Both buttonholing may be alike, or one can be blue, the other white or two tones of a shade.

TRANSFER PATTERNS.

(Upon receipt of this pattern, ordered on coupon below, place the rough or smooth side of the pattern down on material to be stamped, then press hot flat-iron on the back or smooth side of the pattern. Be careful not to let pattern slip.)



Paris Transfer Pattern No. 8077

Design of grapes for centerpiece, 18x18 inches to be transferred to Satin, Jean or damask, Butcher's linen, Indian-head cotton, cotton lawn, scrim or any material on that order; the border should be heavily worked in buttonhole stitch and the center in solid outline embroidery, mercerized cotton or silk floss is used for the working of the embroidery and if a very ornate effect is desired the edge should be trimmed with a deep edging of heavy lace or embroidery, slightly fullied between the scallops.

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LADIES' COMBINATION CORSET-COVER AND OPEN DRAWERS. Paris Pattern No. 3245

All Seams Allowed.

The combination garment is always a favorite for summer months, and the one here presented is of unusually attractive design, the corset cover having a low "V" neck back and front, and the draw-fitted open drawers being trimmed with the very popular umbrella ruffle.

For the construction of the combination as pictured nine cambric and cambric embroidered founcies are used, the armholes being trimmed with narrow edging.

Materials advised for the development of this design are long cloth, nainsook, lawn, batiste and China silk. The pattern is in 6 sizes—24 to 44 inches bust measure. For 36 bust the combination requires, as illustrated, 5 1/2 yards of founcing 16 or more inches wide, with 1 1/4 yards of cambric 36 inches wide, or made of one material it requires 3 yards 26 inches wide.

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